

**East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)**  
Eastern Montgomery Regional Center  
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Wednesday, January 7, 2015**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Members Present:** Marya Ford, Fatmata Barrie, Roy Chavera, Len Newman, Peter Myo Khin, Allan Mulligan, Peter Myo Khin, Fisseha Adugna, Ian Swain, Jerold Samet, Jason Washington, Teddy Wu, Melissa Daley, Samantha Blizzard, Erik Amick.

**Guests Present:** Ed Weiler, Mensah Adjogah, Mark Pharaoh, Mark Doore, Brigid Smith, Claire Iseli, Brian Anleu, Jessica Fusillo, Dan Wilhiem, Bob Sylvester, James Stewart, Lori Shirley, Eileen Finnegan, Ehsan Motazedi, Diane Jones.

**Staff Present:** Jewru Bandeh

**Citizens' Forum:** Comments received from citizens included- Ed Wiler of Woodmore Hills talked about having issues with an unsatisfactory response he received after calling 911/police and lack of follow in a security matter involving fire arms.

**Special Guest Presentation: Diane Jones**, Director and **Ehsan Motazedi**, Division Chief, Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services: Presentation on "MCDPS Update on Enhanced Permitting and Enforcement Services/Programs." The presentation covered these major points:

- What DPS does related to permitting, code enforcement and outreach.
- A very useful tool recently established called E-Services for plan review-highlighted its special features and showed how it works. The benefits to residents and County were numerous.
- Update on code enforcement services and challenges DPS is faced with.
- DPS being complaint driven in many instances. Complaints can be tracked and service records can be created.
- New innovative customer focused programs including 'Recipes for Success,' on-site consultative services, other streamlining improvements...all of these can be found on the DPS website.
- eServices-ePlans and ePermits: Presenter demonstrated how it works
- Differentiating DPS, the department of Housing and Community Affairs, MC311, Police responsibilities in enforcement matters and areas of responsibility.
- "Being a Good Neighbor Program"-helping maintain the residential character of County neighborhoods: home-based businesses, parking for heavy commercial and recreational vehicles, parking off-street, paving front yards- and how the laws are enforced.
- Examples of the kinds of County concerns-unfinished/unlicensed construction, illegal signs, driveway construction.
- Issues related to illegal signs and DPS efforts in this area.
- Accessory apartment related issues.
- The proposed 30-day turnaround time for plan reviews-challenges and impact on DPS.
- DPS and WSSC coordination needs.

**Approval of Meeting Summary** – The ECCAB December 3, 2014 meeting summary was approved.

**East County Regional Services Center Director's Report:** Jewru Bandeh provided a written report highlighting the following: The ECCAB sponsored County Executive's FY16 Operating Budget Forum on January 20, 2015 at 7 pm., Good Hope Community Recreation Building Design Phase community meeting on January 28, 2015 at 7 pm

**Chair's Report:** a written report submitted by Marya Ford included statements on what the two ECCAB committees are working on including a proposal for an annual East County fireworks. She talked about the Committee for Montgomery 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Breakfast on December 12, 2014 she attended, and three ECCAB members volunteering to be on an interview panel for the current ECCAB vacancy.

#### **Council Staff Updates:**

- Brian Anleu – reported on Councilmember Tucker's new effort on revitalization of the Burtonsville's Crossroads Shopping Center and contact made with the State Highway Administration and mention of the body camera legislation.
- Claire Iseli talked about the January 12, 2015 Council T & E Committee work session on the White Oak Transportation Management District (TMD) and the Government Operations committee's January 12, 2015 work session on Site II –SSP Amendments.

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Economic Planning Committee** – Statement on the recommendation of ECCAB representation on the two CACs (US 29-North and US 29 South). He also talked about the presentation on the proposed White Oak Transportation Management District and follow up on the request for construction of sidewalks and street lights along Norwood Road to Blake High School.
- **Quality of Life/Services Committee** – the Chair reported on the December 2015 meeting which focused mainly on discussion on development of a proposal for a community July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks in East County to be submitted to the County Executive. Ideas for potential sites were also discussed.

#### **Old Business**

- Update on the two ECCAB recommended appointments to the two Rapid Transit System Corridors Advisory Committees-Ian Swain and Teddy Wu.
- Two alternate dates were discussed for the proposed FDA tour-February 10 or March 24, between 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The ECRSC Director will help with a request to the FDA and coordination of the tour.

#### **New Business**

- Discussion on the scheduled ECCAB sponsored County Executive's FY16 Operating Budget Forum on January 20, 2015.
- Members are urged to attend. Three members volunteered to serve on an ad hoc interview panel for the ECCAB vacancy.
- IDA Sector meeting on February 11, 2015 will be sponsored by the Quality of Life/Social Issues Committee.

**Announcements** - None

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

